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SUBJ: DINAMICOS DENY THEY RECEIVE AID FROM ICFTU

REFS: (A) BRASILIA 3145 (B) SANTIAGO 2639 (C) STATE 106139
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1. SUMMARY: AN ISSUE HAS APPARENTLY ARISEN OVER WHETHER
OR NOT THE ICFTU IS GIVING MONEY TO THE
"DINAMICOS". DINAMICO LEADERS DENY SUCH ASSISTANCE.
THEY ACKNOWLEDGE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DISCUSSIONS, IN-
VOLVING CHURCH LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AS INTERMEDIARIES,
DURING RECENT VISIT OF ICFTU AND ORIT REPS, BUT SAY
RESULTS WERE INCONCLUSIVE. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE
EFFECT ON SCHEDULED SOLIDARITY VISIT TO CHILE, EMBASSY
REQUESTS ASSISTANCE OF ACTION ADDRESSEES IN CLARIFYING
SITUATION. END SUMMARY

2. ICFTU VISIT. ENZO FRISO OF THE ICFTU AND JUAN JOSE
DEL PINO OF ORIT WERE IN CHILE APRIL 3-7. ACCORDING
TO TUCAPEL JIMINEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
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UNION, FRISO OFFERED TO PROVIDE \$30,000 IN HUMANITARIAN
SUPPORT TO THE DINAMICOS, BUT WISHED TO HAVE THE MONEY
PASS THROUGH THE CHURCH RELATED ORGANIZATIONS PASTORAL
OBRERO AND THE CARDIJN FOUNDATION TO APPEASE HIS EUROPEAN
AFFILIATES. AS EXPLAINED IN REF (B) THE "DINAMICOS" HAD
PROBLEMS WITH THIS APPROACH. ACCORDING TO JIMENEZ NO
FINAL DECISION OR AGREEMENT WAS MADE.

3. AFL-CIO OFFERS HELP: EDUARDO RIOS, PRESIDENT OF THE MARITIME CONFEDERATION AND RECOGNIZED LEADER OF THE "DINAMICOS" WENT TO WASHINGTON APRIL 19 TO SOLICIT A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY FROM THE AFL-CIO FOR THE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONS IN CHILE. GEORGE MEANY APPROVED A SOLIDARITY VISIT BY SEVERAL IMPORTANT AFL-CIO VICE-PRESIDENTS INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMAN ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT TEDDY GLEASON (REF C). DURING RIOS' VISIT THE QUESTION OF ICFTU FINANCIAL SUPPORT WAS RAISED, AND RIOS DENIED RECEIVING ANY MONEY FROM THE EUROPEANS.

4. SUBSEQUENT STORIES: ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE SURPRISED BY THE STATEMENTS IN REF (A) FROM BRASILIA THAT FRISO SAID HE HAD "DELIVERED SUPPORT" TO THE "DINAMICOS" AND EVEN MORE BY REPORT (FRIEDMAN TO BRUCE JAY TELECON) THAT DEL PINO CLAIMS FRISO GAVE \$40,000 DIRECTLY TO THE "DINAMICOS" AND HE HAS SIGNED RECEIPT FOR THE MONEY WITH HIM IN BRUSSELS.

5. COMMENT: SINCE "DINAMICO" LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGE FREELY THAT THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS WITH FRISO ABOUT POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WE SEE NO REASON FOR THEM TO HIDE THE FACT OF ANY AGREEMENT HAVING BEEN REACHED. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE "DINAMICOS" DID LIE ABOUT RECEIVING ICFTU FUNDS IT WOULD SOW THE SEEDS
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OF DISTRUST BETWEEN THEM AND THE AFL-CIO WHICH COULD POSSIBLY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THE IMPORTANT MID-MAY SOLIDARITY VISIT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF BRUSSELS AND MEXICO CITY IN ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY SITUATION.
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